

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators who have dedicated their lives and careers to assisting students at the collegiate level of study prepare for their future roles as societal leaders; and

Whereas, Dr. Larry Martin has attained distinction as a classroom instructor and as an administrator since arriving on the Missouri Southern State College campus in 1965; and

Whereas, retiring at the end of the 2002-2003 academic year after thirty-eight years of service, Dr. Larry Martin, Vice President for Academic Affairs, will be feted with a retirement reception to be held in his honor at the Billingsly Student Center on Thursday, May 1; and

Whereas, recipient of the Outstanding Teacher Award in 1980, Dr. Larry Martin admirably touched the lives of many students in mathematics classes before shifting the focus of his energy and vision to school administration; and

Whereas, a member of practically every committee and task force on the Missouri Southern State College campus, Dr. Larry Martin proved to be an exceptional member of the Faculty Senate and the Academic Policies Committee through his dedication, wisdom, and common sense; and

Whereas, down through the years Dr. Larry Martin has graciously accepted increasingly responsible positions as Head of the Mathematics Department, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, and Vice President for Academic Affairs in order to brilliantly advance the standing of Missouri Southern State College; and

Whereas, Dr. Larry Martin can rest assured that he will be sorely missed by his colleagues at Missouri Southern State College and that the programs and policies which he helped institute will be carefully overseen by Interim Vice President and current Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Betsy Griffin, during the diligent, exacting national search for a candidate worthy to fill his well-worn shoes:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar academic and leadership contributions so generously given by Dr. Larry Martin to the students, administration, faculty, and parents associated with Missouri Southern State College during the past four decades and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Dr. Larry Martin of Missouri Southern State College in Joplin.

Offered by _____
Representative Ron Richard
District No. 129

Representative Bryan P. Stevenson
District No. 128

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2389, adopted April 30, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker